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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CANAL ZONE MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

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1. INFORMATION REQUESTED IS KEYED BY PARAGRAPH TO REFERENCE. INFORMATION IS BASED SOLELY ON THE VIEWS OF EMBASSY/MILGP. IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS THE VARIED ISSUES, CONTAINED IN REFERENCE, WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME DUE TO CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN NICARAGUA.

#### 2. PARAGRAPH 1, REFERENCE:

A. IMETP IS DEVELOPED FROM FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM MILGP ADVISORS IN COORDINATION WITH THEIR GN COUNTERPARTS AND, TO SOME EXTENT, DIRECT INPUT FROM MILGP TO SATISFY KNOWN REQUIREMENTS. PRIORITIES ARE INITIALLY ESTABLISHED BY MILGP. SUBSEQUENTLY THE IMETP IS COORDINATED WITH THE GN-1, ITEM BY ITEM, TO INCLUDE COLLABORATION ON PRIORITIES. GN-1 UNDERSTANDS PRIORITY DESIGNATORS WILL BE USED TO DELETE TRAINING CONFIDENTIAL.

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FROM IMETP TO REACH AUTHORIZED FUNDING LEVELS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED HOST COUNTRY (HC) DUE TO THE INITIAL CLASSIFICATION OF THIS INFORMATION. ONCE FUNDING LEVELS ARE FIRM AND INFORMATION IS DECLASSIFIED, A COMPLETE IMETP WITH DOLLAR COST OF EACH TRAINING LINE IS PROVIDED GN-1 FOR FINAL REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES. GN-1 IS REQUESTED TO IDENTIFY THOSE TRAINING LINES TO BE DELETED TO

ARRIVE AT AUTHORIZED FUNDING LEVEL. DUE TO THE COOPERATIVE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROGRAM AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES ARE ESTABLISHED, HC AND MILGP PRIORITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL VS TECHNICAL TRAINING COMPARE FAVORABLY.

B. TRAINING FUNDS ARE NOT SUB-ALLOCATED BETWEEN BRANCHES OF THE GN. THE GN IS A SINGLE FORCE UNIT, HENCE TOTAL FUNDS PROGRAMMED FOR ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE ELEMENTS FOR A GIVEN YEAR WILL FLUCTUATE FROM PROGRAM TO PROGRAM, CONTINGENT UPON OVER-ALL PRIORITY OF NEED AS ESTABLISHED IN PARA A. ABOVE.

C. FENCING OF FUNDS FOR FY77 IMETP WAS INITIATED SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF THE PROGRAM ON THE FORMER "TUITION COST" BASIS: THEREFORE, "FENCING" AFFECTED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AS OPPOSED TO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. ADDITIONALLY, FY78 IMETP PER SECDEF GUIDANCE WAS DEVELOPED UTILIZING THE TUITION COST METHOD. ONCE FENCING WAS INSTITUTED IN THE FY77 PROGRAM, IT APPEARED THAT CANCELLATION OF ALL CONUS TRAINING AND TOTAL USAGE OF CZ SCHOOLS WOULD BE REQUIRED, IN THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE INSUFFICIENT FUNDS REMAINING AFTER "FENCING" TO CONSUMATE CONUS TRAINING AND TO PAY LIVING ALLOWANCES. HC AVOIDED THE CANCELLATION OF CONUS TRAINING AND MAINTAINED PROGRAM INTEGRITY BY ASSUMING TOTAL LIVING ALLOWANCE COST FOR BOTH CONUS AND CZ TRAINING. THUS FREEING THE LIMITED REMAIN-ING FUNDS FOR CONUS TRAINING TUITION COSTS. DEVELOPMENT OF A PROGRAM, GIVEN A FENCING TOTAL IN ADVANCE AND ASSUMING THE PROGRAM LEVEL APPROXIMATES THAT CONFIDENTIAL.

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IMPOSED FOR FY77, WOULD SEVERELY RESTRICT THE LATITUDE OF HC AND MILGP TO SATISFYING ACTUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND WOULD RESULT IN HC SEEKING THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES. THIS WOULD REDUCE U.S. INFLUENCE ON THE GN LEADERSHIP.

D. HC HAD ABSOLUTE FREEDOM OF CHOICE AS TO TRAINING LOCATION WITHIN FUNDING LEVELS FOR FY76. ALTHOUGH GUIDANCE DICTATED PRIORITY USE OF CZ SCHOOLS FOR FY7T, IT DID NOT PRECLUDE USE OF 7T FUNDS FOR CONUS TRAINING, CONSEQUENTLY HC DID SATISFY ITS CONUS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. ADDITIONALLY, HC HAD FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN SELECTION OF TRAINING LOCATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF FY77 PROGRAM ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT FENCING OF FUNDS NECESSITATED HC ASSUMING TOTAL LIVING ALLOWANCE COST TO SALVAGE CONUS TRAINING AND MAINTAIN PROGRAM INTEGRETY.

BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PROGRAMMED AND USED PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES, BY LOCATION AND FISCAL YEAR.

#### IMETP - FY76

#### TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING

#### CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS

COURSE SPACES

ARMY SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE NCO 2

WHEELED VEHICLE MECHANIC 2

COMMO CHIEF NCO 1

LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT 3

OFFICER GENERAL SUPPLY 2

AUTO MAINTENANCE OFFICER 2

MAINTENANCE NCO SUPERVISOR 2

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NCO GENERAL SUPPLY 1

WEAPONS REPAIR 2

PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OFFICER 2

ENGINEER TRACTOR GRADER OPERATOR

ENGINEER TRACTOR GRADER OPERATOR

#### PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING

# CANAL ZONE

BASIC OFFICER QUALIFICATION 22
IRREGULAR WARFARE OPERATIONS 6
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF OFFICER 2
COMMAND AND UNIT STAFF OFFICER 4
NCO LEADERSHIP 3

## TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING

### CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS

AIR FORCE INSTRUMENT REPAIR

AIRFRAME REPAIR

AIRCRAFT PNEUDRAULIC

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC/RECIP

RECIP ENGINE MECHANIC

JET ENGINE MECHANIC

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

Z

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

AIRCRAFT MECHANIC

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT STAFF OFFICER

AIRCRAFT PROPELLER REPAIR

COMMO ELECTRONICS FUNDAMENTALS

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OPERATIONS
NAVY PATROL BOAT ENGINE/REFRIG SYSTEM
    PATROL BOAT ELECT/ELECT SYSTEM 4
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    PATROL BOAT COMMANDERS COURSE
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TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING
CONUS - FY76
ARMY SENIOR OFFICER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2
    MOTOR OFFICER
    PHYSICAL SECURITY/SECURITY MANAGEMENT 2
    PLANS, PROGRAMS AND BUDGET SYSTEM 1
    INFANTRY MORTAR PLATOON
    AIRBORNE
                         1
    INFORMATION OFFICER COURSE
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NEWSPAPER EDITOR COURSE 1
LOGISTICS EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

SUPPLY AND SERVICE OFFICER 1 AIRFORCE PILOT TRAINING ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR NAVY ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN A-1/A-2/A-3 CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL PAGE 02 MANAGU 01813 02 OF 03 201536Z PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING CONUS ARMY COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF OFFICER PATHFINDER 4 INFANTRY OFFICER ADVANCED RANGER HU 5 ENGINEER OFFICER ADVANCED ARMOR OFFICER 1 MILITARY POLICE OFFICER BASIC ADJUTANT GENERAL OFFICER ADVANCED 1 AIR FORCE AIR COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE SQUADRON OFFICERS SCHOOL 1 NAVY NONE IMETP FY7T TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS ARMY NCO GENERAL SUPPLY MILITARY INTELLIGENCE NCO WHEELED VEHICLE MECHANIC 3 AIR FORCE INSTRUMENT REPAIR 1 AIRFRAME REPAIR 2 AIRCRAFT PNEUDRAULIC RECIP ENGINE MECHANIC AIRCRAFT MECHANIC/RECIP 4 NAVY NONE TOTAL 24 PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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# CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS ARMY NCO LEADERSHIP AIR FORCE NONE NAVY NONE TOTAL PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING CONUS ARMY RANGER PATHFINDER ENGINEER OFFICER ADVANCED 1 INFANTRY OFFICER ADVANCED AIR FORCE NONE NAVY NONE TOTAL 11 IMETP - FY77 TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS ARMY SENIOR OFFICER MGT ORIENTATION COMMANDO OPERATIONS 60 ENGINEER/TRACTOR GRADER OPERATOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE NCO AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE OFFICER MAINTENANCE NCO SUPERVISOR ENGINEER EQUIPMENT MECHANIC CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL PAGE 04 MANAGU 01813 02 OF 03 201536Z AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL REPAIR AIRCRAFT MECHANIC/RECIP 2 RECIP ENGINE MECHANIC 2 JET ENGINE MECHANIC 1

HELICOPTER MECHANIC

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER
WEAPONS MECHANIC 1
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
AIRCRAFT PROPELLER REPAIR 1
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT WAREHOUSE
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (AGE) 2

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NAVY PATROL BOAT ENGINE/REFRIGERATION 6

PATROL BOAT ELEC/ELC SYSTEM 3 BASIC DECK SEAMANSHIP 8

BASIC ENGINE MAINTE/ELEC SYSTEM 5
PATROL BOAT COMMANDERS COURSE 4

BOAT HULL MAINT/WELDING 2

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING

CANAL ZONE SCHOOLS

ARMY BASIC OFFICER QUALIFICATION 23
INFANTRY OFFICER ADVANCED 2
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COURSE 2

AIR FORCE NONE

NAVY NONE CONFIDENTIAL

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IMETP FY77
TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING
CONUS

ARMY INFANTRY MORTAR PLATOON 3
SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OFFICER 2
SECURITY MANAGEMENT/PHYSICAL SECURITY 1
SENIOR OFFICER PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE 2

AIR FORCE NONE

NAVY NONE

PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING CONUS

ARMY INFANTRY OFFICER ADVANCED 3
MILITARY POLICE OFFICER BASIC 1
COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF OFFICER
RANGER 6
PATHFINDER 5

AIR FORCE NONE

NAVY NONE

E. THE BREAKOUT CONTAINED IN PARA D ABOVE FOR THE YEARS FY76, 7T AND FY77 PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR DETERMINING TECHNICAL COURSES, NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND TRAINING LOCATION IN FUTURE YEARS EVEN UNDER A SYSTEM OF IMET PAYING TUITION ONLY. SINCE THE MAJORITY OF TECHNICAL TRAINING IS FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL, MANY OF WHOM LACK ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATION, NO APPRECIABLE INCREASE IN CONUS BASED TRAINING IS EXPECTED.

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F. SAME INFORMATION CONTAINED IN E ABOVE IS APPLICABLE
IN RELATION TO PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES EXCEPT A MARGINAL
INCREASE IN CONUS BASED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COULD BE
EXPECTED UNDER A SYSTEM OF IMET PAYING ONLY TUITION COST.
A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN CZ USAGE OF THIS TYPE COURSE
WOULD RESULT.

G. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ANSWERING THIS QUESTION AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING AN ESTIMATE FROM HC AT THIS TIME IS DOUBTFUL. IT IS OPINION OF MILGP THAT INITIALLY HC WOULD OPT FOR THE BASIC QUALIFICATION COURSE C-1 AT USARSA, SINCE THIS 40-WEEK COURSE IS THE

CULMINATION OF THE NICARAGUAN MILITARY ACADEMY'S FOURYEAR PROGRAM. RUMORS EXIST THAT THE TRAINING OF THE CADETS IS TOO EXPENSIVE AND HC MAY LOOK ELSEWHERE TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY THIS COURSE. QUITE PROBABLY THE ACADEMY WOULD EXPAND ITS CURRICULA TO OFFSET THE LOSS OF THIS COURSE. CONUS PILOT TRAINING HAS ALREADY BEEN DELETED FROM THE IMETP AS BEING TOO COSTLY AND NOT COMPATIBLE WITH AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN INVENTORY. SOME PLANNING IS UNDER WAY CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL OR IN-COUNTRY SCHOOL TO SATISFY PILOT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

H. THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF OBTAINING AN ESTIMATE FROM HC AT THIS TIME IS DOUBTFUL. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FIELD GRADE AND JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS, AS OPPOSED TO GN LEADERSHIP, THERE APPEARS TO BE THE ATTITUDE THAT THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES SUCH AS CGSC, COMBAT ARMS ADVANCED COURSES AND MANAGEMENT COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

I. HC IN ALL PROBABILITY WOULD MEET THE MAJORITY OF THEIR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS BY SEEKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, MOST PROBABLY SPAIN. A LIMITED PURCHASE OF SELECTED CONUS BASED COURSES COULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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#### EXPECTED.

J. (1) THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES IS TOTALLY WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE GN-1. MILGP QUITE OFTEN SUGGESTS THE NAMES OF PERSONNEL WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM FURTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND IN MOST INSTANCES THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE WELL RECEIVED. MILGP MONITORS THE SELECTION OF STUDENTS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COURSE PREREQUISITES AND HAS ON OCCASION VETOED ATTENDANCE OF CANDIDATES.

(2) DUE TO METHOD OF DEVELOPING THE IMETP DISCUSSED IN PARA A ABOVE, THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN HC AND EMB/MILGP ON THE PRIORITIES OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING.

K. HC WOULD PROBABLY PAY FOR (FMS) THE REQUIRED ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING TO PRECEDE CONUS PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING ONLY IF THESE WERE AVAILABLE VIA IMET AND WOULD RENEW ITS EFFORTS AT THE INSTITUTO DE IDIOMAS TO PROVIDE A FULLY LANGUAGE QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO CONUS COURSES. HENCE NO DECLINE OR SHIFT IN THE COURSES OR TRAINING LOCATION COULD BE EXPECTED.

L. THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION IS SPECULATIVE AT BEST.

AS LONG AS FUNDING IS PROVIDED AND THE INSTRUCTION IS IN SPANISH IT IS DOUBTFUL A CHANGE IN LOCATION TO CONUS WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT THEIR USAGE. THEIR REACTION TO THE RELOCATION WOULD PROBABLY BE ONE OF ACCEPTING THIS ACTION AS JUST ANOTHER STEP DOWNWARD IN THE DWINDLING INTEREST AND INFLUENCE OF THE U.S. IN THE AREA. THEBERGE

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